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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr BERKHOUWER, Mr BROEKSZ, Mr CORONA, Mr GLINNE, Mr Knud NIELSEN, Mr RADOUX, Mr SCHUIJT, and Mr STEWART to the Council and Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Violation of human rights and democratic freedoms in Argentina

In Argentina, the measures adopted to date by the new military junta (dissolution of Parliament, indefinite postponement of elections, suspension of the political parties, establishment of non-constitutional legal procedures, arrests and imprisonment without trial) constitute violations of democratic freedoms and human rights and have created a widespread state of insecurity. The political kidnappings and assassinations, perpetrated by extremists mainly with the connivance of the security forces, are increasing, creating an intolerable atmosphere of terror. Furthermore, a decree was promulgated on 26/3/76 authorizing the deportation of political refugees to their countries of origin, thus infringing the traditional right of political asylum in Latin America.

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Does not the Council and the Commission feel that it is the duty of the European Community as an important cultural, economic and trading partner of Argentina,

1. to urge the Argentinian authorities to restore forthwith both democratic freedoms and respect for human rights in Argentina?
2. to call upon the Member States to instruct their ambassadors to Argentina to continue to shelter political refugees, despite the blacklisting of certain persons by the Argentinian authorities?